

Bonn Police Quiz Czech in Spy Case

BONN, Oct. 30 (AP)—Federal security officers questioned a correspondent of the official Czechoslovak news agency CTK today as a spy suspect.

CTK correspondent Karel Cisar said his colleague, Otakar Svercina, was accused on the basis of statements made by a Czechoslovak army major who recently fled to the West and by Josef Adamek, editorial secretary of the Austrian federal press service, who was arrested last Thursday in Vienna on suspicion of espionage.

"Ten policemen in plain clothes suddenly appeared at the door at seven o'clock last night and burst into the flat," related Otakar Svercina, 43.

"They had no search warrant, but told me I was under strong suspicion of espionage. They told me I would be arrested, and that I should take pajamas and a toothbrush with me. But after five hours of questioning, they said I could go, and report back in the morning."

A spokesman for the Justice Ministry confirmed Svercina's detention as a suspected spy and said he had been released on condition that he stay available for further questioning.

West Germany's security system is under study as a result of several mysterious deaths and disappearances this month. The principal case was that of Rear Adm. Hermann Luedke, a retired NATO officer found dead by gunshot 15 days after a microfilm of secret NATO documents was traced to him Sept. 23.

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Friendly of The Washington Post reported:

CTK issued a sharp protest here at what it insisted was an illegal search of Svercina's Bonn apartment.

"This action constitutes a flagrant violation of the rights of a regularly accredited journalist, and can lead to serious complications in mutual relations between Czechoslovakia and the German Federal Republic," CTK declared.

Svercina is known in press circles in Prague as a conservative with close connections to the pro-Soviet regime of Antonin Novotny, which was toppled last January.

NATO Shifts A-Arms, Codes in Spy Scare

Reuters

BRUSSELS, Oct. 30—NATO planners are redeploying 7000 tactical nuclear weapons in hidden sites around Europe as a result of the spy scare sweeping West Germany and NATO, informed sources said today.

They also said codes are being changed and checks are being made on military and civilian employees at political headquarters outside Brussels, Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe near here and at other installations.

A report on the spy scare will be presented to NATO ministers when they meet here Nov. 14-16, the sources said. The United States, Britain, West Germany, Italy, Greece and Turkey were reported collaborating on the document.